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600-1-258DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : DARST *ET AL.*  
SERIAL NO. : UNASSIGNED EXAMINER : UNKNOWN  
FILED : HEREWITH ART UNIT : UNKNOWN  
FOR : A CRYSTAL OF BACTERIAL CORE RNA POLYMERASE  
(AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In accordance with Rule 111 of the Rules of Practice please consider the following  
amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, on the line directly under the title please insert:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a' The present Application is a divisional application of copending application, U.S. Serial No.  
09/396,651, filed September 15, 1999, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference in its entirety. The Applicants claim the benefit of this Application under 35 U.S.C.  
§120. --

On Page 14, line 17, after "NADFDGD- motif:" please insert -- (SEQ ID NO:4) -- .

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